

CHAPTER 91

(House Bill 1206)

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Inmates and Detainees Who Are Pregnant or Have Newborn Child

FOR the purpose of altering parole eligibility requirements for certain individuals detained or confined in a correctional facility; altering the requirements for special leave for certain inmates; establishing authority for female inmates or detainees to retain custody of newborn children under certain circumstances for participation in certain programs; transferring certain authority relating to inmates and detainees from the Division of Correction to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and generally relating to individuals detained or confined in a correctional facility who are pregnant or have a newborn child.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 3–810, 7–301(a), and 9–601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1999 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Correctional Services

3–810.

(a) On the recommendation of treatment staff and with the approval of the managing official of a correctional facility in the Division, the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner may grant special leave to an inmate to allow an inmate to participate in a special community or other meritorious program or activity within or outside of the State that the Commissioner and managing official believe:

- (1) would benefit the inmate;
- (2) would not be detrimental to the public; and
- (3) would help rehabilitate the inmate.